IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Conversely, the discharge control pulse duration and amplitude shall remain substantially stable. The maximum voltage over the storage capacitor is slightly variable, the only uncertainty factor being the sampling clock period.--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Therefore the objectives are met:

- on the one hand, self adaptation to the power available from a direct current source submitted to large fluctuations,
- on the other hand, a stable and insensitive to the source fluctuations quality of charge thanks to almost constant calibration of the discharge control pulses.--